THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES

CERT. NO. 822,927

PENSIONER: Dana J.
Widow OF

VETERAN: Elihu J. Carpenter

CAN NO: 62,926 BUNDLE NO: 3

3–360. W. D., No. 1056.150

Regular Establishment.

WIDOW'S PENSION. Army.

Claimant, Clara J. Carpenter

P. O., 243 North Washington Street.

~~County~~, Wilkes Barre,

State, Pennsylvania

Soldier, Elisha J. Carpenter

Rank, Commissary Sergeant

~~Company~~,

Regiment, U.S. Army, Retired

Rate, $..... per month, commencing ....., ..., and .....
and $2 a month additional for each child, as stated below:

All pension to terminate ....., 1....., date of .....
Payments on all former certificates covering any portion of same time to be deducted.

By former marriage.	.....	Born, ... / Sixteen, ...	Commencing, ..., ...
	.....	Born, ... / Sixteen, ...	" ....., ...
	.....	Born, ... / Sixteen, ...	" ....., ...
By last marriage.	none	Born, ... / Sixteen, ...	" ....., ...
	.....	Born, ... / Sixteen, ...	" ....., ...
	.....	Born, ... / Sixteen, ...	" ....., ...
	.....	Born, ... / Sixteen, ...	" ....., ...
	.....	Born, ... / Sixteen, ...	" ✓ .....

ARMY AND NAVY DIV.

RECOGNIZED ATTORNEY. REJECTED Jan 22, 1916 E.E.P. Ex2

Name, none

P. O., ...

Fee, $..... Agent ..... to pay. .....

Articles filed ....., 1.....

APPROVALS.

Submitted for Rej. Jan. 12. 1916. C. E. Carl Examiner.

Approved for Rejection on the ground that there is no record in the War Department and no evidence of existence in active service, or at date of retirement, or thereafter until 1912, continuance of soldier's fatal disease from ~~origin and~~ Approved for ~~incurrence~~; death resulted ~~accepted~~ ~~due to~~ of heart, and claimant is manifestly unable to connect said death cause with soldier's active military service.

..... which has been legally accepted.

Jan. 14, 1916 Geo. S. Livingston. Legal Reviewer.

Jany 14 1916 F. A. Mansfield, Medical Examiner. Medical Reviewer.

....., 19 ..... Medical Referee.

IMPORTANT DATES.

Enlisted Over for prior service May 12, 1894

Mustered ....., 1.....

~~Discharged~~ Retired November 1, 1894

Died October 28, 1915

Declaration filed Nov. 16, 1915

Invalid appl'n filed none, 1.....

Invalid last paid to —, 1.....

Former marriage of soldier not shown.

Death of former wife —, 1.....

Former marriage of claimant Not shown

Death of former husband —, 1.....

Claimant's marriage to soldier Alleged Jan 5, 1881

Claimant not remarried ~~or divorced~~ not shown

M. C. No Claimant does — write.

Reject: Claimant manifestly unable to connect cause of soldier's death with active military service.

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Enlisted:

October 7. 1862.
May 12. 1866.
" " 1869.
" " 1874.
" " 1879.
" " 1884.
" " 1889.

Discharged:

August 5. 1863.
May 12. 1869.
" " 1874.
" " 1879.
" " 1884.
" " 1889.
" " 1894.

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DECLARATION OF A WIDOW FOR ORIGINAL PENSION.

STATE OF Pennsylvania } ss:
COUNTY OF Luzerne }

On this 16th day of November, A. D. one thousand nine hundred and fifteen personally appeared before me, a Notary Public within and for the county and State aforesaid, Clara J. Carpenter, aged 54 years, a resident of Wilkes Barre, County of Luzerne, State of Pennsylvania, who being duly sworn according to law, makes the following declaration in order to obtain pension under the acts of Congress granting pension to the widows of soldiers and sailors who have died by reason of wound or injury received, or disease contracted, in the service of the United States and in the line of duty:

That she is the widow of Elihu J. Carpenter, who was Enrolled on retired, pay under the name of Elihu J. Carpenter
[Enrolled or commissioned.]
at Hudson, N. Y. on the 7th day of October, 1862
as a Private in Co. G. New York Sharpshooters
[Here state rank and designation of organization or name of vessel.]
and was ~~discharged~~ on the 27th day of October, 1894 and who died at Wilkes Barre, Pa., retired on the 28th day of October, 1915
of Heart disease due to causes produced while in service
[Here state the immediate cause of death.]
incurred in the above-named service. That the said soldier was in the military or naval service of the United States except as stated above. He served 30 continuous years.
[If any other service, it should be stated in full.]
First Seargent Troop G. 2nd Cabalry 10 yrs. & Commisary Seargent 2d yrs.

That the said soldier was born New Lebanon, 1846 at 7th. November.; that his personal description at enlistment was as follows: Height, 5'9"; complexion, fair; color of eyes, greg; color of hair, brown; permanent marks or scars, none; that his occupation was Retired Commissary Seargent

That she was married under the name of Clara J. Ridall to said soldier at Fort Randall, S. D. on the 8th day of January, 1881 by Joseph W. Cook; that there was no legal barrier to the marriage; that she had not been previously married; that the soldier had not been previously married.

[If there was a prior marriage of either, the date and place of death or divorce of former consort or consorts should be stated.]

That she was never divorced from said soldier, and that she has not remarried since his death.

[If remarried, the date and place of remarriage should be stated.]

That the said soldier left the following-named children under 16 years of age at the date of his death, to wit:

....., born ....., 1....., at .....
....., born ....., 1....., at .....
....., born None, 1....., at .....
....., born ....., 1....., at .....
....., born ....., 1....., at .....
....., born ....., 1....., at .....

[If any child has died since the soldier's death, its name and the date of its death should be stated. If the soldier left no children, the claimant should so state.]

That she has not heretofore applied for pension.

[If prior application has been made, the number thereof, the service on which it was based, and the name of the soldier should be stated.]

That her post-office address is (street and number) 243 No. Washington ~~ave~~ R. F. D. .....,
City or town of Wilkes Barre., County of Luzerne, State of Penna.

Clara J. Carpenter
[Claimant's signature.]

ATTEST: (1) Ella S. Hagen
(2) N. C. Calhoun

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Also personally appeared Ella S. Neiger, residing at Wilkes Barre, Pa.
and N. C. Calhoun, residing at Wilkes Barre, Pa., persons whom I certify to be respectable and entitled to credit, and who, being by me duly sworn, say they were present and saw Clara J. Carpenter, the claimant, sign her name (~~or make her mark~~) to the foregoing declaration; that they have every reason to believe, from the appearance of said claimant and their acquaintance with her of 2 years and 1 years, respectively, that she is the identical person she represents herself to be; and that they have no interest in the prosecution of this claim.

Ella S. Neiger
N. C. Calhoun
[Signatures of witnesses.]

Declaration accepted as a claim under the general law.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 16th day of November, A. D. 1915

Chief, Law Division
For

and I hereby certify that the contents of the above declaration, etc., were fully made known and explained to the applicant and witnesses before swearing, including the

[L. S.]

words _____, erased, and the words _____, added; and that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the prosecution of this claim.

Frank Bachman
[Signature.]

Notary Public
[Official character.]

My commission expires May 9, 1919.

READ THE FOLLOWING CAREFULLY.

The widow of an officer or enlisted man of the Army, or of an officer or enlisted or appointed man of the Navy, whose death resulted from a cause incurred while in such service and in line of duty since March 4, 1861, may be entitled to a pension, under the provisions of Sections 4702 and 4703, Revised Statutes of the United States, from the date of the death of the husband, without regard to the date of her marriage to him or to her financial status. There is no limitation as to the date of the filing of claims under said sections, and the rate of pension depends upon rank at the time that death-cause was incurred, without regard to subsequent promotions, and ranges from $12 per month in the case of the widow of a private or noncommissioned officer to $30 per month in the case of the widow of a lieutenant-colonel or any officer of higher rank, with $2 additional for each legitimate minor child of the soldier or sailor under the age of sixteen.

The declaration and testimony in support of same to be executed before some officer of a court of record having custody of its seal, a notary public, justice of the peace, or other officer authorized to administer oaths for general purposes. If such officer is not required by law to have and use a seal, his official character, signature, and term of office must be certified by the proper State, county, or city officer under his official seal, unless such certificate has been filed in the Bureau of Pensions for general reference.

REGULAR ESTABLISHMENT. 3-1-[illegible]

WIDOW.

CLAIM FOR PENSION.

ORIGINAL.

Claimant, Clara J. Carpenter
Soldier, Elihu J. Carpenter
Service, Pvt. Co. C, 2 U.S. Cav.

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Frank Bachman, Notary Public.

Wilkes-Barre, Penna.,
November 17th, 1915.

Department of the Interior,
Bureau of Pensions,
Attention of G. M. Saltzgaber, Commissioner,
Washington, D. C.,

Gentlemen:-

I am in receipt of your favor of the 12th instant in re. Widow's Pension in the case of Elihu J. Carpenter, late commissary sergeant, Retired, U. S. A. I am also in receipt of the blank application, which I have filled out from the information received from the widow, to which she and the two witnesses have sworn.

I might add that the soldier in question died of heart disease of which he has been a suffered for many years caused by his service in the army.

I have tried to fill out this blank as complete as possible and trust that you will find same O. K.

Please let me hear from you promptly as the widow is naturally anxious to have the matter settled.

Thanking you in advance for your attention to this matter, I remain,

Yours very truly,

Frank Bachman.

Notary Public.

Address:
151 Lincoln St.,
Wilkes-Barre, Penna.

Act of REGULAR ESTABLISHMENT.

Clara J. Carpenter
243 - No Washington St.
Wilkes Barre. Pa.
Widow
Elihu J. Carpenter

Service 9 Co 1 Battn N. y. S. S.
1 Sgt-C. 2 U S Cav. Com Sgt - U. S A
Com Sgt. Retired U. S A.

Died Oct 20 - 1915 - Wilkes Barre Pa.

No other claim.

Nov 29, 19[illegible]

Clerk.

Application filed: Nov 18 - 1915 -

Attorney: Clmt

P. O.

Cert. of Dis. Searched for , 19

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Dec 21. 1915. Clmt. clinical history and death. J.C.B. dress dis.

Jan 22, 1916. Cause of rejection Clmt. C.E.P. & P.M.Dis.

Mar 8. 1916 Clmt [illegible] marriage & that no divorce [illegible] July 5/16 Clmt. service [illegible] soldier of Army, between Aug 5/63 & May 1/66 Ltr Sly 5/16 Cmd. for War Dept. for [illegible] of signature Ltr

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November 20, 1915.

Mr. Frank Bachman,

Wilkes Barre, Pa.

Sir:

In response to your communication, received the 18th instant, enclosing a declaration for pension in behalf of Clara J. Carpenter, as widow of Elihu J. Carpenter, late of Troop C, 2nd U. S. Cavalry, you are advised that the declaration has been accepted as a claim under Sections 4702 and 4703, Revised Statutes U. S., commonly known as the "general law", and the claimant will be advised as to the evidence required to establish the claim.

Respectfully,

G. M. SALTZGABER.

Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

BUREAU OF PENSIONS,

WASHINGTON, D. C., DEC 7 - 1915, 191

The Adjutant-General,
War Department:

For use in the claim indicated below, you are respectfully requested to furnish this Bureau a full military and medical history and personal description, including birthplace and occupation, of Elihu J. Carpenter

who, it is alleged, entered the service

Oct. 7, 1862 as a Private in Co. ....., 9 Regt. N.Y.S.S., and was discharged, Also served continuously for 30 years in the regular army, in the 2nd U.S. Cav, and as Commissary Sergeant, U.S.A. Retired Oct. 27, 1894 and dies Oct. 20, 1915.

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WAR DEPARTMENT,

THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE.

Respectfully returned to the

Commissioner of Pensions,

Elisha J. Carpenter

Born in New London, N. C.
age 20 7/12 occupation farmer
eyes grey, hair brown
complexion fair, height 5 feet, 7 inches;
was enlisted May 12 1866,
was assigned to Co. C 2nd Reg't
U.S. Cavalry
and was discharged May 12,
1869 by expiration of
service, a sergeant.
Recnl. May 12, 1869
at D. McPherson, Nebr.
in same troop, and
discharged May 12,
1874 by expiration
of service, a 1st sergt.
Recnl. May 12,
1874 at Camp Wm
Springs, W.T. in
same troop, and
trans. April 13, 1878
to Post N.C. Staff,
and discharged
May 11, 1879 by
expiration of service
a Comy. Sergeant.
Recnl. May 12, 1879
at D. Randall, Dak T.
same organization,
and discharged
May 11, 1884 by
expiration of service,
a Comy. Sergeant.
Recnl. May 12, 1884
at D. Randall, Dak Ter.
same organization,
and discharged
May 11, 1889 by
expiration of service,
a Comy. Sergeant.
Recnl. May 12, 1889
at D. Keogh, Mont,
same organization,
and discharged
May 11, 1894 by
expiration of service,
a Comy. Sergeant.
Recnl. May 12, 1894
at D. Schuyler, N.Y.
same organization,
and retired Nov. 1, 1894
per S.O. 253, A.G.O. 1894,
a Comy. Sergeant,
and died Oct. 28,
1913 at Wilkes-Barre,
Penna., a Comy.
Sergeant, U.S.A.
Retired.

Enlisted May 11,
1866, as single man,
next of kin not stated.
May, 1869 and May 1874
conjugal condition
and next of kin not
stated.
May, 1879, single,
next of kin not stated.
May 1884 married,
two children, next of
kin not stated.
May 1889 and May 1894
married, five children
next of kin not stated.

Enlistment paper
of May 12, 1866 does
not show prior
service.

The medical records show him treated as follows:

July 1 to 10, 75, whitlow. Mch. 21 to 24, 77 & Feb. 17-2, 78, catarrh: June 30 to July 2, 81, acute diarrhea: Jan. 17 & 18, 89, indigestion, in line of duty, cured. July 7, 94, acute diarrhea, in line of duty, returned to duty, cured. no additional record of disability found

No physical defect found on report of physical examination at enlistment.

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P. McCain
The Adjutant General.

Per .....

DEC 13 1915

Washington, D. C., ...

To (Commissioner of Pensions.)

Form No. 167—A.G.O.
Ed. Sept. 15-15—3,000.

A&N Div. JCB:JGH.

W.O.1056[illegible]0,
Clara J., wid. of
Elihu J. Carpenter,
Com.Sgt.,Retired,U.S.A.

December 31, 1915.

Mrs. Clara J. Carpenter,

343 N. Washington St.,

Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

Madam:

In your above cited claim for pension there should be furnished the affidavit of the attending physician, giving a full clinical history of the soldier's last illness, showing the duration thereof; the remote and immediate cause, as well as the date, of death; whether there were any complications or contributory causes, and, if so, their nature and to what extent they were factors in the fatal result; also a certified copy of the public record of soldier's death, if such record exists.

Very respectfully,

E. C. Tieman

ACTING Commissioner.

Dr. J. I. Roe
317 S. River Street
Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

Clinical History of Case of Elihu J. Carpenter, deceased, late Commissary Sergeant, retired, U. S. A.

I was first consulted by Sergeant Carpenter November 2, 1912. He gave a history of rheumatism and heart trouble of several years duration. His pulse was slow, weak and intermittent. Heart sounds weak, but no audible murmur. Blood pressure 110sys. 75 dias; slight dyspnea. I saw him occasionally during the following year, and on May 25, 1913 found the following condition: "Heart very irregular and weak. Has had slight hemorrhage from rectum for past five days, some tenderness over hepatic region and epigastrium; moderate abdominal distension - slight dyspnea".

November 10, 1913 his heart was fast and irregular, bowels constipated. He had, during 1914, several very severe attacks of tachycardia and was never free from arrythmia.- In one of these attacks I was able to count his heart beats at 240 per minute. Early in 1915 he developed valvular incompetence - and symptoms of decompensation: enlarged liver and oedema. His condition gradually grew worse - and he died October 28, 1915. He was as good a soldier during his long illness, as he was when in the active service in the Army.

J. Irving Roe M.D.

State of Pennsylvania
Luzerne County } ss

Personally appeared before me this 27th day December, 1915, Dr. J. Irving Roe, who, being duly sworn deposeth and saith the above statement is true to the best of his knowledge and belief.

MY COMMISSION EXPIRES
1st MONDAY OF JANY. 1922.

John Masterson
Alderman

Form V. S. No. 33—10M-6-15-15.

No. 32572

This is to Certify that the following is a true and correct copy of a certificate of death filed in the Bureau of Vital Statistics, Pennsylvania State Department of Health, as directed by Act of Assembly, approved June 7, 1915.

Wilbur C. Batz
(State Registrar.)

Dec. 28 1915
(Date.)

Form V. S. No. 5.

CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA.
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS.

1. PLACE OF DEATH.
County of Luzerne
Township of
or Borough of
or City of Wilkes Barre
Registration District No. 667
Primary Registration District No. 51
No. 243 No. Washington Ward.)
File No. 99315
Registered No. 1364
[If death occurred in a Hospital or Institution, give its NAME instead of street and number.]

2. FULL NAME Elihu Jodi Carpenter

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

3. SEX: M
4. COLOR OR RACE: W
5. SINGLE, MARRIED, WIDOWED OR DIVORCED (Write the word.): M.
6. DATE OF BIRTH: November (Month) 7 (Day) 1846 (Year)
7. AGE: yrs. 68 mos. 11 ds. 21
If LESS than 1 day how many ..... hrs. or ..... min. ?
8. OCCUPATION
(a) Trade, profession, or, particular kind of work: Collector of Accounts
(b) General nature of industry, business, or establishment in which employed (or employer): Fowler, Dick & Walker.
9. BIRTHPLACE (State or Country): New Lebanon, N Y

PARENTS
10. NAME OF FATHER: Horatio Carpenter
11. BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (State or Country): Unknown
12. MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER: Jedediah Mott
13. BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (State or Country): Unknown

14. THE ABOVE IS TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE.
(Informant) E. J. Carpenter, Jr
(Address) Forranceton. Pa.

15. Filed Oct 30 1915 Fred H Gates
Local Registrar

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

16. DATE OF DEATH: Oct (Month) 28 (Day) 1915 (Year)
17. I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I attended deceased from Oct 1914 to Oct 28 1915
that I last saw him alive on Oct 26 1915,
and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at 10a M.
The CAUSE OF DEATH* was as follows:

Valvular heart disease 11 yrs.
(Duration)

Contributory (Secondary.)
(Duration) yrs. mos. ds.

(Signed) H. Roe M. D.
Oct 28 1915 (Address) 34 N. Wash. Av

*State the DISEASE CAUSING DEATH; or in deaths from VIOLENT CAUSES, state (1) MEANS OF INJURY; and (2) whether ACCIDENTAL, SUICIDAL, or HOMICIDAL.

18. LENGTH OF RESIDENCE (For Hospitals, Institutions, Transients or Recent Residents).
At Place of death yrs mos ds. In the State yrs mos ds.
Where was disease contracted,
If not at place of death?
Former or usual residence

19. PLACE OF BURIAL OR REMOVAL: Holenback Cem. DATE OF BURIAL: Oct 31 1915
20. UNDERTAKER: Lewis P. Kniffen ADDRESS: Wilkes Barre

N. B.—Every item of information should be carefully supplied. AGE should be stated EXACTLY. PHYSICIANS should state CAUSE OF DEATH in plain terms, so that it may be properly classified. Exact statement of OCCUPATION is very important. See instructions on back of certificate.

MARGIN RESERVED FOR BINDING.
WRITE PLAINLY, WITH UNFADING INK—THIS IS A PERMANENT RECORD.

Wilkes Barre, Penna.

January 3, 1916.

Department of the Interior

Bureau Of Pensions

Washington, D. C.

Sir:-

Per your request under date of Dec. 21st, 1915 I enclose the necessary papers on claim for pension.

Yours very respectfully,

Mrs Clara J Carpenter

A &EI Div. CEP-ELW

W.C. 1056,150,
Clara J., wid.of
Elihu J. Carpenter,
Com.Sgt.,U.S.A.,retired.

January 22, 1916.

Mrs. Clara J. Carpenter,

243 North Washington St.,

Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

Madam:

Your above-cited claim for pension is rejected on the ground that there is no record in the War Department of the soldier's fatal disease of heart, and no evidence on file of existence of same in active service, or at date of his retirement, or thereafter until 1913, and you are manifestly unable to connect said death cause with his active military service.

Very respectfully,

F. M. Scobey

Commissioner.

JAN 27 1916
BUREAU OF PENSIONS

243 North Washington St.,
Wilkes-Barre, Penna.
January 25, 1916.

Department of the Interior
Bureau of Pensions
Washington,
D. C.

Dear Sirs:-

Kindly forward to me at once an application blank for widow's pension, and oblige.

Yours very respectfully,
Clara J Carpenter

Date of Soldiers death & Marriage

FINANCE DIVISION JAN 28 1916

To identify case return this letter giving full name of PENSIONER, CERTIFICATE NUMBER, and Company and Regiment, if Army service, or, if Navy, so state.

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~~183~~ N. Washington St.,
Wilkes-Barre, Pa.
Feb. 10, 1916.

Department of the Interior,
Bureau of Pensions,
Washington, D. C.
Sirs:

Elihu J. Carpenter a retired soldier died October 28, 1915. He was first enlisted as a private in Company Nine, New York State Sharpshooters, on the 7th day of Oct., 1862 at Hudson, N.Y. And was mustered into the United States Service on the 22d day of Jan. 1863 at New Dorp Staten Island, N.Y. The soldier served continually until Nov. 1, 1894 when his name was placed upon the retired list. His period of service being more than thirty years, during his long service he filled every grade from Private to Post Commissary Sergeant, which rank he held when retired.

Elihu J. Carpenter was married to Clara Jane Ridall on the 8th day of Jan. 1881 at Fort Randall, So. Dakota.

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Very respectfully,

Clara J. Carpenter

PENSION OFFICE U. S. FEB 17 1916

Widow of Elihu J. Carpenter.

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Orig. No. 1056,150

ACT OF APRIL 19, 1908.

WIDOW'S PENSION.

Claimant, Clara J. Carpenter,

P. O. 243 North Washington Street, Wilkes-Barre,

County, Luzerne; State Pennsylvania.

Soldier, Elihu J. Carpenter,

Rank Private; Co. 9th C.,

Regiment, 1st Battn. New York S. S.

Rate, $12 per month, commencing February 17 1916, ~~and $2 additional for each child, as stated below:~~

All pension to terminate ....., 1....., date of .....

Payments on all former certificates covering any portion of same time to be deducted.

None -

{Born, ... / Sixteen, ...} Commencing .....

{Born, ... / Sixteen, ...} Commencing .....

{Born, ... / Sixteen, ...} Commencing .....

{Born, ... / Sixteen, ...} Commencing .....

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{Born, ... / Sixteen, ...} Commencing .....

{Born, ... / Sixteen, ...} Commencing .....

ARMY AND NAVY DIV

RECOGNIZED ATTORNEY.

Name, James H. Wallace, ~~None - James A. Spalding~~

P. O., Washington, D. C.

~~Widdicott fee $10.~~ ~~Fee, $ #10 Bureau to pay~~ ~~; Agent to pay.~~

Recommended Apl. 9. 1917

APPROVALS.

Submitted for Adm., June 15, 1916; E. Ogg Kenbrush Examiner.

Re " MAR 8 1917 J. C. Bradley

Approved for admission under the act of April 19, 1908.

June 21, 1916, J. A. Scott Reviewer.

Jan 12, 1917. March 24 1917 Chas. B. Wise; " "

Mar 24, 1917. W. B. Pettus Rereviewer.

The soldier was ~~not~~ pensioned at $..... per month for .....

Enlisted,	Oct. 7, 1862	Soldier's application filed	none, 1.....
~~honorably disch'd,~~	Aug. 5, 1863.	Clt's app'n under other laws,	Nov. 18, 1915.
Reenlisted in regular army	May 12, 1866	Former marriage of	neither, 1.....
~~honorably disch'd,~~	....., 1.....	Death / Divorce of former	none, 1.....
and served continuously thereafter until retired	November 1, 1894.		
Died,	October 25, 1915.	Clt's marriage to soldier,	Jan. 8, 1881.
Declaration filed,	Feb 17, 1916.	Clt ~~Not~~ remarried,	not divorced, 1.....

Claimant ~~does not~~ write. 5-4

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Hon. John J. Casey, M. C.

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ACT OF APRIL 19, 1908.

Claim for Pension.

WIDOW. ACKD

W.O

Number 1056.150

Name Clara J. Carpenter

Wid *Soldier* Elihu J. Carpenter

Service 9th N.Y. S.S.

1st Sgt C 2 N.C. Bn

Co Art. U.S.A.

Co Sgt 142nd U.S.A.

INSTRUCTIONS.

This form may be used for original pension under Act of April 19, 1908.

Declaration and testimony in support of same to be executed before some officer of a court of record having custody of its seal, a notary public, justice of the peace, or other officer authorized to administer oaths for general purposes. If such officer is not required by law to have and use a seal, his official character, signature, and term of office must be certified by the proper State, county, or city officer under his official seal, unless such certificate has been filed in the Bureau of Pensions for general reference.

AN ACT

To increase the pension of widows, minor children, and so forth, of deceased soldiers and sailors of the late civil war, the war with Mexico, the various Indian wars, and so forth, and to grant a pension to certain widows of the deceased soldiers and sailors of the late civil war.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That from and after the passage of this Act the rate of pension for widows, minor children under the age of sixteen years, and helpless minors as defined by existing laws, now on the roll or hereafter to be placed on the pension roll and entitled to receive a less rate than hereinafter provided, shall be twelve dollars per month; and nothing herein shall be construed to affect the existing allowance of two dollars per month for each child under the age of sixteen years and for each helpless child; and all Acts or parts of Acts, inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed: *Provided, however*, That this Act shall not be so construed as to reduce any pension under any Act, public or private.

SEC. 2. That if any officer or enlisted man who served ninety days or more in the Army or Navy of the United States during the late civil war, and who has been honorably discharged therefrom, has died, or shall hereafter die, leaving a widow, such widow shall, upon due proof of her husband's death, without proving his death to be the result of his army or navy service, be placed on the pension roll from the date of the filing of her application therefor under this Act at the rate of twelve dollars per month during her widowhood, provided that said widow shall have married said soldier or sailor prior to June twenty-seventh, eighteen hundred and ninety; and the benefits of this section shall include those widows whose husbands, if living, would have a pensionable status under the Joint Resolutions of February fifteenth, eighteen hundred and ninety-five; July first, nineteen hundred and two, and June twenty-eighth, nineteen hundred and six.

SEC. 3. That no claim agent or attorney shall be recognized in the adjudication of claims under the first section of this Act, and that no agent, attorney, or other person engaged in preparing, presenting, or prosecuting any claim under the provisions of

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Act of April 19, 1908.

DECLARATION FOR WIDOW'S PENSION.

STATE OF Pennsylvania }
COUNTY OF Luzerne } ss:

On this 15th day of February, A. D. one thousand nine hundred and sixteen personally appeared before me, a an alderman and justice of the peace within and for the county and State aforesaid, Clara J. Carpenter, aged 54 years, a resident of Wilkes-Barre, county of Luzerne, State of Pennsylvania, who, being duly sworn according to law, makes the following declaration in order to obtain pension under the provisions of the ACT OF CONGRESS APPROVED APRIL 19, 1908.

That she is the widow of ELIHU J. CARPENTER, who was enrolled (Initial or name used.) under the name of ELIHU J. CARPENTER at Hudson, N. Y. on the 7th day of October, 18 62, as a private in Company 9, New York State Sharpshooters, and honorably discharged August 5th. (Here state rank, company and regiment in the Army, or vessels if in the Navy.) 63, having served ninety days or more during the late civil war.

That he also served continually until November 1st. 1894 when his name was placed on the retired list, filling every grade from private to Post Commissary Sergeant. period if service over thirty years. (Here give a complete statement of all other services, if any.)

That he was not in the military or naval service of the United States otherwise than as stated above.

That she was married under the name of CLARA JANE RIDALL to said soldier at FORT RANDALL, South Dakota, on the 8th day of January, 18 81, by Joseph W. Cook, Yankton Agency, S.D.; that there was no legal barrier to the marriage; that she had not been previously married; that the soldier had not been previously married. (If there was a prior marriage of either, the date and place of death or divorce of former consort or consorts should be stated.)

and that neither she nor said soldier married otherwise than as stated above.

That the said soldier died October 28th. 1915, at Wilkes-Barre, Pa.; that she was not divorced from him, and that she has not remarried since his death.

That the said soldier left the following-named children who are now living and under sixteen years of age, to wit: (If the soldier left no children, the claimant should so state.)

No children under sixteen years of age; five children all of full age

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That she has heretofore applied for pension W.O.1056150. This claim was made on the wrong form. (If prior application has been made, the number thereof, the service on which it was based, and the name of the soldier should be stated.)

That her post-office address is (street and number) 243 North Washington St., R. F. D. , city or town of Wilkes-Barre, county of Luzerne, State Penna.

Attest: (1) O A Parsons
(2) Christine Mills

Clara J. Carpenter
(Claimant's signature in full.)

Also personally appeared O. A. PARSONS, residing in Wilkes-Barre, and CHRISTINE MILLS, residing in Wilkes-Barre, persons whom I certify to be respectable and entitled to credit, and who, being by me duly sworn, say they were present and saw CLARA J. CARPENTER, the claimant, sign her name (or make her mark) to the foregoing declaration; that they have every reason to believe, from the appearance of said claimant and their acquaintance with her of 18 years and 18 years, respectively, that she is the identical person she represents herself to be, and that they have no interest in the prosecution of this claim.

O A Parsons
Christine Mills
(Signatures of witnesses.)

Declaration accepted as a claim under the act of April 19, 1908.
Chief, Law Division.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 15th day of February, A. D. 19 16, and I hereby certify that the contents of the above declaration, etc., were fully made known and explained to the applicant and witnesses before swearing, including the words , erased, and the words , added; and that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the prosecution of this claim.

[L. S.]

Frank B. Brown
(Signature.)
ALDERMAN AND JUSTICE OF THE PEACE
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IMPORTANT DATES.

Enlisted	May 25, 1861	Former marriage of soldier	....., 1.....
Mustered	....., 1.....	Death of former wife	....., 1.....
Discharged	Feb. 29, 1880	Former marriage of claimant	....., 1.....
Died	....., 1.....	Death of former husband	....., 1.....
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M. C. ..... Claimant does ..... write.

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W.O. 1056,150,
Clara J., wid.,
Elihu J. Carpenter,
9 Co.,1 Battln.,
N.Y.S.S.

March 8, 1916.

Mrs. Clara J. Carpenter,

243 No. Washington St.,

Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

Madam:

In your above-cited claim for pension there should be furnished a verified copy of the public or church record of your marriage to the soldier, or, if no such records exist, the affidavit of the minister who performed the ceremony, or, if such affidavit cannot be obtained, the sworn statements of at least two credible witnesses who were present at the marriage, showing the date thereof.

The sworn statements of at least two credible witnesses showing whether you lived with the soldier from the date of your marriage to him to the date of his death, and, if not, whether you were ever divorced from him, are also required.

Witnesses should state their ages, post office addresses, and means of knowledge of that to which they testify.

Very respectfully,

Commissioner.

STATE OF MONTANA,)
) SS:
COUNTY OF Carbon)

Lena M. Gibson being duly sworn according to law, deposes and says that she is 47 years of age; that his postoffice address is Bridger Montana; that she was present at the marriage of CLARA J. RIDALL to ELIHU J. CARPENTER, 9 Co., I Battln., N. Y. S. S.; that said ceremony was performed by Rev. Jos. W. Cook, January 8, 1881, at Ft. Randall, S. D.; that she is the ~~father~~ SISTER of the said Clara J. Carpenter, widow, who has applied for a pension under the above cited claim.

Sworn and subscribed before me this 1st day of April A. D. 1916.

Chas. L. Merrill

Notary Public for the State of Montana
Residing at Bridger, Carbon County, Montana
My Commission expires 1/18-1918

Lena M. Gibson

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STATE OF MONTANA,)
) SS:
COUNTY OF Carbon)

William Ridall being duly sworn according to law, deposes and says that he is 82 years of age; that ~~her~~ his postoffice address is Bridger Montana; that he was present at the marriage of CLARA J. RIDALL to ELIHU J. CARPENTER, 9 Co., I Battln., N. Y. S. S.; that said ceremony was performed by Rev. Jos. W. Cook, January 8, 1881, at Ft. Randall, S. D.; that he is a ~~sister~~ FATHER of the said Clara J. Carpenter, widow, who has applied for a pension under the above cited claim.

Sworn and subscribed before me this 1st day of April A. D. 1916.

Chas. L. Merrill

Notary Public for the State of Montana
Residing at Bridger, Carbon County, Montana
My Commission expires 1/18-1918

Wm Ridall

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IN RE,- APPLICATION OF CLARA J. CARPENTER, WIDOW OF WILLIAM J. CARPENTER, CO. H 53 OHIO.

State of Pennsylvania }
County of Luzerne } ss:

Before me a Notary Public, personally appeared Mary S. Carr who being first duly sworn according to law, deposes and says:-

I am a resident of the City of Pittston, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, having resided here for fifty years, and am acquainted with and have known Clara J. Carpenter for forty years or more. I was acquainted with Clara J. Carpenter during all the period of her married life from the time of her marriage to the death of her husband William J. Carpenter; that they lived together as husband and wife during all that period up to the death of the said William J. Carpenter which occurred in October 1915. They never were divorced from bed or board until his death.

At the time of his death he resided at Number 5 Main Street, Pittston, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania.

My means of knowledge as to these facts arise from our being cousins and we have been in constant touch with each other all these years.

Sworn and subscribed to before me this eleventh day of April, A. D. 1916.

J. K. Anderson

NOTARY PUBLIC,
Commission expires Jan. 16, 1917.

Mary S. Carr.

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CIVIL WAR APR 22 1916 DIVISION

IN RE, APPLICATION OF ELLEN J. JEMPSTER, WIDOW OF WILLIAM J. JEMPSTER, DEC'D.

State of Pennsylvania }
County of Luzerne } SS:

Before me a Notary Public, personally appeared James A.Lewis who being first duly sworn to says and says:-

I am acquainted with Ellen J. Jempster, widow of William J. Jempster, know them both well for a period of fifteen years prior to the date of his death which occurred in October 1915. During that period I know them to be living together as husband and wife in the City of Wilkes-Barre, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania; that they so held and to live; were not divorced during that period and were living [illegible] of the date of his death in October last.

[illegible] resided in the City of Wilkes-Barre for [illegible] years. [illegible] of the above facts [illegible] Ellen J. [illegible] with both said [illegible]

[illegible] Sworn. [illegible] Main Street, Dallas, Pennsylvania.

James A. Lewis.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this [illegible] day of April A.D. 1916.

J. K. Anderson

Notary Public
Commission expires [illegible]

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Law Division

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April 13, 1916.

Mr. James H. Spalding,

Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Referring to the case of Clara J. Carpenter, widow of Elihu J. Carpenter, late of the 9th Company, 1st Batln. N.Y. S.S., Wid.Cert.No.822,927, wherein, on the issue of March 29, 1917, to allow pension at the rate of $12 per month from February 17, 1916, under the act of April 19, 1908, a fee of $10 was withheld, you are advised that the amount will be paid to you as attorney fee on said issue.

Respectfully,

G. M. SALTZGABER

Commissioner.

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Law Division

April 13, 1916.

Chief of Finance Division,

(Group 2).

Sir:

Referring to the case of Clara J., widow of Elihu J. Carpenter, late of the 9th Co., 1st Batln. N.Y. S.S., Wid.Cert.No.822,927, you are directed to pay the withheld fee of $10 on the issue of March 29, 1917, under the act of April 19, 1908, to James H. Spalding, of this city.

Respectfully,

G. M. SALTZGABER.

Commissioner.

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243 North Washington, St.,
Wilkes Barre, Pa.,
April 20, 1916.

W.O. 1056,150,
Clara J., wid.,
Elihu J. Carpenter,
9 Co., I Battallion,
N.Y.S.S.

Department of the Interior,
Bureau of Pensions,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am enclosing the sworn statements of four people which I think complies with your request of March 8, 1916., in reference to my above cited claim.

Very respectfully,

Clara J. Carpenter

3 enclosures

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Briefed by JFH

Claim No. 1056.150

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Certificate No.

Claimant

Soldier Elisha J. Carpenter

Service Corp. Sgt. Co. I 7 USA

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No ..... *claim, State records* ....., *191*

No claim, combination records 5/6, *1916*

REMARKS:

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W.C.1,056,150,
Clara J., wid.of
Elihu J.Carpenter,
9" Co.1" Battln.N.Y.S.S. May 8, 1916,

Mrs. Clara J. Carpenter,
#243-North Washington Street,
Wilkes Barre,Pennsylvania.

Madam:-

In reply to your letter of April 2o, 1916, relative to your above cited claim for pension, you are advised that there should be furnished the sworn statements of at least two credible witnesses who knew the soldier from the time he reached a marriageable age, showing whether he had been married before his marriage to you.

Very respectfully,

Commissioner.

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W.O. 1056,150,
Clara J., Wid.,
Elihu J. Carpenter,
9 Co., 1 Batt.,
N.Y.S.S.

243 North Washington St.,
Wilkes Barre Pa.
June 1, 1916.

Department of the Interior,
Bureau of Pensions,
Washington D.C.

Sirs:-

In compliance with your last letter I am sending you one sworn statement from a lady who knew Elihu J. Carpenter before our marriage, In yourletter you request that I secure two sworn statements but to date I have only been able to locate one person who could make the statement, which I am sending to with the hope that it will suffice.

Very respectfully,

Clara J. Carpenter

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I hereby testify that I knew E. Jud Carpenter before his marriage to Clara E. Ridall and that he was never married before. And I do affirm that Clara E. Carpenter is the true and lawful wife of E. Jud Carpenter.

Frances L. Carpenter.

Vienna. N. Y.
May 26th 1916.

Sworn to before me this
25th day of May 1916.
Walter Van Dusen.
Notary Public.

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House of Representatives, U.S.

Washington,

June 5, 1916.

CHIEF CLERK
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U. S. BUREAU OF PENSIONS
DIVISION

Commissioner of Pensions,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:-

Kindly give me the status of the claim for pension of Clara J. Carpenter, widow of Elihu J. Carpenter, 9 Co., 18th Battalion, N. Y. S. S., claim number, W. C. 1056,150, and oblige.

Very truly yours,

John Carey

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June 16, 1916.

Hon. John J. Casey,

House of Representatives.

My dear Mr. Casey:

In reply to your letter of the 5th instant, relative to the claim for pension, Number 1056150, of Clara J. Carpenter, whose address is 243 N. Washington St., Wilkes-Barre, Pa., as the widow of Elihu J. Carpenter who served in the 9th Co., 1st Battln. N. Y. S. S., I have the honor to inform you that said claim is now under consideration with a view to its final adjudication.

The result of such consideration will be promptly communicated to both you and the claimant.

Very truly yours,

E. C. Tiernan

Acting Commissioner.

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BOARD OF REVIEW.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

BUREAU OF PENSIONS.

Washington, D. C., June 23, 1916

Wid.

No. Claim, 1056150,

Cert. No.

Claimant, Widow of

Soldier, Elihu J. Carpenter

Co. 9th Co. 1st Battn Reg't. N.Y. S.S.

Respectfully, Ret'd to Mr. Piffel:

Mr. Scott, Reviewer.

(1) I suggest return for call on the claimant for further evidence. the testimony of competent witness having personal knowledge of the fact, who can state whether the soldier was in the U.S. Military or Naval service during the interval between Discharge August 5, 1863 and reenlistment May 12, 1864.

(2) Also call on the Auditor for the War Department for tracing of signatures from

Chief Board of Review

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

BUREAU OF PENSIONS

Washington, D. C., ..., *191*

No. Claim, ...

Cert. No. .....

Claimant, ...

Soldier, ...

Co. ....., ... *Reg't.* .....

R. Muster Rolls, of the soldier in the Civil War service shown - and from the Enlistment Papers of May 12, 1866; also for loan of any papers filed in any claim for arrears of pay etc - by or on behalf of soldier as of said Civil War Service.

The claimant has no personal knowledge of the question of other Service prior to Enlistment in the Regular Army, and the Enlistment Papers of May 12 1866. "does not show prior Service" - Nor is there any personal description of the soldier of the N.Y. Vol. - Cavalry.

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BOARD OF REVIEW.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

BUREAU OF PENSIONS.

Washington, D. C., June 23, 1916.

No. Claim, 1056.150

Cert. No.

Claimant, widow of

Soldier, Elihu J. Carpenter

Co. 9th Co., 1st Battln *Reg't.* N. Y. S. S.

Respectfully, returned to the Chief, Army and Navy Div., for compliance with the requirements of the Re Reviewer's slip of this date herewith.

Chief, Board of Review.

J. A. Scott, Rev.

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CONGRESSIONAL.

W. O. No. 1056150

NAME OF CLAIMANT:

Clara J Carpenter

P. O. —

NAME OF SOLDIER:

Elisha Carpenter

Co. A 2, Reg't Wisc

The above-named claimant is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, a bona fide resident of the District which I represent; and this inquiry is not made at the request of any pension attorney or claim agent.

I desire to be advised as to present status of this Claim.

CHIEF'S OFFICE JUL 5 1916

John J. Casey, M. C.

July 30, 1906

These slips are exclusively for the use of Representatives in Congress, and when used by any other person will not receive consideration.

Representatives will greatly aid the Bureau of Pensions in giving them an early answer, if they will fill and use these slips in making calls in pension cases.

J. L. Davenport,

Commissioner.

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W.O. 1056150,
Clara J.Carpenter,
Elihu J.Carpenter,
9th Co., 1st Battln.,
N. Y. S. S.

July 5, 1916.

The Auditor for the War Department,

Treasury Department.

Sir:

For use in the above-cited pension case, it is requested that there be furnished a tracing of the soldier's signature as of the 9th Co., 1st Battln., N. Y. S. S., in which he enlisted October 7, 1862, and from which he was discharged August 5, 1863, and also a tracing of his signature as of Troop C, 2nd U. S. Cav., in which he enlisted May 12, 1866, and served until April 13, 1878, when he was transferred to the Post N. C. Staff, in which he served until November 1, 1894, when retired.

Very respectfully,

G. M. SALTZGABER

Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

BUREAU OF PENSIONS

WASHINGTON July 5, 1916.

W.O. 1056150,
Clara J.Carpenter,
Elihu J.Carpenter,
9th Co., 1st Battln.,
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OFFICE OF THE

AUDITOR FOR THE WAR DEPARTMENT,

Washington, D. C., July 13, 1916

RESPECTFULLY RETURNED TO THE
HON. COMMISSIONER OF PENSIONS.

In the case of Elihu J. Carpenter *late* of the 9th Co. 1st Batt. 1st *Regiment* New York S.S. *Volunteers, a tracing of the soldier's signature is herewith inclosed* A tracing of his signature as of Co. G 2d U.S. Cav. is also inclosed.

The Auditor for the Wa
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Elihu J Carpenter
Co. G 2d U.S. Cav.

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Auditor.

By [signature]
Chief, Claims and Records Division.

Pension Claim No. 1056150

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DEPARTMEN

W.O. 1056150,
Clara J.Carpenter,
Elihu J.Carpenter,
9th Co., 1st Battln.,
N. Y. S. S.

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Very respectfully,

Commissioner.

Elisha P. Carpenter
Co. 9, 1st N. Y. S. S.

Elihu J. Carpenter
Co. C, 2d U. S. Cav.

A. & N. DIV. EJH/JML

W.O. 1056150,
Clara J.Carpenter,
Elihu J. Carpenter,
9th Co.,1st Battln.,
N. Y. S. S.

July 5, 1916.

Mrs. Clara J. Carpenter,
243 N. Washington St.,
Wilkes-Barre,
Pennsylvania.

Madam:

Your above-cited claim for pension under the act of April 19, 1908, requires the testimony of some person having knowledge of the facts showing whether the soldier was in the military or naval service of the United States between August 5, 1863 and May 12, 1866, and, if so, the name of each organization in which, or vessel on which he served during said period.

If you are unable to furnish evidence as indicated, you should so advise the Bureau, giving the reasons for your inability.

Very respectfully,

G. M. SALTZGABER

Commissioner.

A. & N. DIV.

July 8, 1916.

Hon. John J. Casey,
House of Representatives.

My dear Mr. Casey:

In reply to your inquiry of the 30th ultimo, relative to the claim for pension, Number 1056150, of Clara J. Carpenter, whose address is 243 N. Washington St., Wilkes-Barre, Pa., as the widow of Elihu J. Carpenter, who served in the 9th Co., 1st Battln., U. S. S. S., I have the honor to inform you that on the 5th instant Mrs. Carpenter was called upon for a statement giving a description of any service rendered by the soldier between August 5, 1863 and May 12, 1866, and when a reply to said call shall have been received the claim will be given prompt further consideration.

Very truly yours,

J. M. BALTZGARER,

HCA/JML

Commissioner.

W. C. 1056150,
Clara J. Carpenter,
Elihu J. Carpenter,
9th Co., 1st Battallion,
N. Y. S. S,

243 N. Washington St.,
Wilkes Barre, Penna.
August 1st., 1916.

Department of the Interior,
Bureau of Pensions,
WASHINGTON, D. C.

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Dear Sir:

Replying to yours of July 5th. 1916., I beg to report that I am unable to locate anyone who knew my husband while he was in the United States Service between August 5, 1863 and May 12, 1866, for the reason that the only persons that I knew who could give this information were his two brothers who are both dead.

I have all of my husband's Military Papers, such as Discharges, Promotions, Testimonials, etc., which would serve as documentary proof that he was in the Military Service of the United States, during the period mentioned above.

Very respectfully,

Clara J. Carpenter

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W.O. 1056,150,
Clara J. Carpenter,
wid. of
Elihu J. Carpenter,
Com.Sgt.,retired,U.S.A.

August 15, 1916.

Mrs. Clara J. Carpenter,

243 N. Washington St.,

Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania.

Madam:

In response to your letter of the first instant filed in your above cited claim for pension, I have to advise you that you should file in this bureau all papers in your possession showing the service rendered by your husband, Elihu J. Carpenter, during the period from Aug. 5, 1863 to May 12, 1866, and when of no further use in the claim, they will be returned to you upon your written request.

Very respectfully,

Commissioner.

W. O. 1056,150
Clara J. Carpenter,
Wid. of
Elihu J. Carpenter,
Com. Sgt., retired U. S. A.
9th Battalion, N. Y. S. S.

243 N. Washington St.
Wilkes Barre, Penna.
August 19, 1916.

Department of the Interior,
Bureau of Pensions,
WASHINGTON, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Complying with your request of August 15th. I am enclosing two discharges of Elihu J. Carpenter, which cover the period from August 5th 1863 to May 12, 1866.

When finished with these, I would like to have them returned to me.

Very respectfully,

Clara J. Carpenter

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W.O.1,056,150
Clara J. wid. of
Elihu J. Carpenter,
Com. Sgt. Retired,
U.S.A.

September 11, 1916.

Mrs. Clara J. Carpenter,
243 N. Washington St.,
Wilkes-Barre,
Pennsylvania.

Madam:-

In reference to your above cited claim for pension you are advised that if you have any papers in your possession relating to the soldier's service between Aug. 5, 1863 and May 12, 1866, you should forward them to this bureau.

The papers you have filed do not show his service during any part of said period.

Very respectfully,

E. C. Tiernan
Acting Commissioner.

A & N Div. TO'R- AW.

W.O.1,056,150
Clara J. wid. of
Elihu J. Carpenter,
Com. Sgt. retired,
U.S.A.

September 11, 1916.

The Auditor for the War Department.
Treasury Department.

Sir:-

For use in the above cited claim for pension, you are requested, if a claim for back pay or bounty has been filed on account of the service of the soldier, Elihu J. Carpenter, who enlisted October 7, 1862 in 9" Co. 1" Battln., N.Y.S.S., and was discharged August 5, 1863 and reenlisted in regular army May 12, 1866 and served continuously thereafter until retired November 1, 1894, to loan this bureau the papers therein.

Very respectfully,

Commissioner.

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BUREAU OF PENSIONS

WASHINGTON

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E. C. Tieman
Acting Commissioner.

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OFFICE OF
AUDITOR FOR WAR DEPARTMENT
IN REPLYING QUOTE INITIALS

TREASURY DEPARTMENT

WASHINGTON

September 27, 1916.

The Commissioner of Pensions,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

All the evidence filed in the claim of Elihu J. Carpenter, late of the 9th Co., 1st Battalion, 1st Regiment New York S. S. Vols; Co. C, 2nd U. S. Cavalry, and Commissary Sergeant, U.S.A., Retired, is herewith transmitted with the request that the same be returned to this office at the earliest practicable date.

Respectfully,

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Papers loaned by Auditor.
and Application for retirement
loaned by A. Gent.
To be returned.

Returned
April 16/17

Certificates of Discharge

Returned to
April 16/17

Don't request return.

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Cf No. 822927

ACT OF APRIL 19, 1908.

As amended by Act of Sept. 8, 1916

WIDOW'S PENSION.

Claimant, Clara J. Carpenter Soldier, Eelbu C. Carpenter

P. O., 243 North Washington Street Wilkes Barre Rank, Private Co. I Battn

County, Luzerne; State, Pennsylvania Regiment, New York S. S.

Rate, $12 per month, commencing ....., and $2 additional for each child, as stated below:

All pension to terminate ....., 1....., date of .....

Payments on all former certificates covering any portion of same time to be deducted.

none {Born, ... / Sixteen, ...} Commencing .....

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RECOGNIZED ATTORNEY.

Name, James H. Spalding Fee, $ — ; ~~Agent~~ to pay. Bureau

P. O., Washington D.C.

APPROVALS.

Submitted for dismissal June 5, 1917: H. S. Graves, Examiner.

Approved ~~under Instructions of Commissioner dated Feby 12 1916:~~ The benefit invoked has already been fully granted by the certificate issued March 29, 1916

....., 1....., Reviewer. June 5, 1917 E. H. Rogers Director

The soldier was not pensioned at $..... per month for ..... Pvt. F. 5th

Enlisted,	Oct 7, 1862	Soldier's application filed	none, 1.....
..... honorably disch'd,	Aug 8, 1863	Clt's app'n under other laws,	Nov 16, 1916
Reenlisted,	Regular Army May 12 1866 and served through until retired	Former marriage of	neither, 1.....
~~dishonorably disch'd,~~	Nov 1, 1894	Death / Divorce of former	none, 1.....
Died,	Oct 26, 1916	Clt's marriage to soldier,	Jan 8, 1881
Declaration filed,	Jan 4, 1917	Clt ~~not~~ remarried,	or divorced

Claimant — write. 6—2210 No, M. C.

DECLARATION FOR WIDOW'S PENSION.

ACT OF APRIL 19, 1908.

AMENDED BY ACT OF SEPTEMBER 8, 1916.

NOTICE.—This can be executed before any officer duly qualified to administer oaths.

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State of Pennsylvania, County of Luzerne ss:

ON THIS 26th day of December, A. D. one thousand nine hundred and sixteen personally appeared before me, a Alderman & Ex Officio J. of P. within and for the county and State aforesaid, Mrs Clara J Carpenter age 55 years, whose Post-Office address is 243 N. Washington St Wilkes-Barre Pa, who being duly sworn according to law, declares that she is the widow of Elihu J. Carpenter, who enlisted under the name of Elihu J. Carpenter, in Co. H 4th N. Y. S. S.

Here state rank, company and regiment if in Army—vessel, if in Navy

and served at least ninety days in the late War of the Rebellion, in the service of the United States, and was *honorably discharged*, and died October 23, 1915. That she was born

Date of death

May 26, 1861 and married under the name of Clara J. Ridall to said Elihu J. Carpenter on the 8th day of January, 1891 by Jos. M. Cook, at Fort Randall S. Dakota there being no legal barrier to said marriage. That said soldier or sailor had not been previously married. That applicant had not been previously married. That she has not remarried

Had or had not. If no previous marriage insert the word not. Has or has not.

that the names and dates of birth of all the children now living under sixteen years of age of the soldier are as follows: None

, born , 19 , born , 19

That her husband has not been employed in the Military or Naval service or otherwise than as stated above except as Pvt. 4th Artillery.

That she has heretofore applied for pension and the number of her former application is 1056150

Be careful to fill this part of the blank correctly.

That she makes this declaration for the purpose of being placed on the pension-roll of the United States under the provisions of the Act of April 19, 1908, amended by the Act of September 8, 1916.

She hereby appoints, with full power of substitution and revocation, JAMES H. SPALDING, of Washington, D. C., her true and lawful attorney to prosecute her claim, and to receive therefor a fee of $10. That her P. O. address is 243 N. Washington St. Wilkes-Barre. County of Luzerne, State of Pennsylvania.

Clara J. Carpenter

Claimant's signature.

Attest:

1.

2.

Two witnesses who can write are required if claimant signs by mark.

BUREAU OF PENSIONS U. S. 1917 OFFICE.

[OVER]

Also personally appeared Robert P. Shields, residing at Wilkes-Barre Pa, and Charles W. Dodson, residing at Wilkes-Barre Pa, persons whom I certify to be respectable and entitled to credit and who being by me duly sworn, say that they were present and saw Clara J. Carpenter the claimant sign her name (or make her mark) to the foregoing declaration; that they have every reason to believe from the appearance of said claimant and their acquaintance with her of twelve years and twelve years, respectively, that she is the identical person she represents herself to be; and that they have no interest in the prosecution of this claim.

Robert P. Shields
Charles W Dodson

If either of the identifying witnesses sign by mark, the same must be attested by two persons who can write their names.

Signatures of identifying witnesses—full names.

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME, this 26th day of December A. D. 1916

And I hereby certify that the contents of the foregoing declaration, etc., were fully made known and explained to the applicant and witnesses before swearing, including the words

erased, and the words

added.

If any words have been erased in this affidavit, enter them here.

If any words have been added in place of any erased, enter them here.

and I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the prosecution of this claim.

Official signature: Frank A. Hourigan.

[L. S.] Official character: Alderman & Ex officio J of P.

Address: 51 Madison St Wilkes-Barre Pa.

Declaration accepted as a claim under act April 19, 1908, amended by act Sept. 8, 1916. Payment of claimant valid as to execution.

Chief Law Division.

per

Act of April 19, 1908.
Amended by Act of Sept. 8, 1916.

WIDOW'S APPLICATION.

Claimant Clara J Carpenter
Soldier Elisha J Carpenter

Co. I 8th Reg't U.S. Colored Inf.
Service 2 Corp. Sergt. U.S. Colored.

ADDRESS:

FILED BY

JAMES H. SPALDING
622-24 F STREET NORTHWEST,
WASHINGTON, D. C.

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TO THE

AUDITOR

FOR THE

WAR DEPARTMENT.

N.C. Application No. 1056150 K

Certificate No.

NAME OF SOLDIER:

Elias J. Carpenter

Co. 9 Batty Reg't H.A. U.S.

INFORMATION DESIRED:

Date

JAN 9 1917
COMMISSIONER

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Jan 5/17

Respectfully,

JAMES H. SPALDING

WASHINGTON, D. C.

Refer to in reply.

JAMES H. SPALDING
ATTORNEY-AT-LAW
Pacific Building
622-624 F STREET N. W.

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1056150,
Wid. Elihu J. Carpenter,
9 Battln. N.Y.S.S.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 11, 1917.

The Hon.

Commissioner of Pensions,

Sir:

I respectfully ask to be informed as to what further evidence is necessary in order to complete the above case. Evidence was filed previously in the former application, and I have filed an application under date of Jan. 4, 1917.

Very respectfully,

James H. Spalding

No. 5

WIDOW'S DECLARATION FOR PENSION
OR INCREASE OF PENSION.

State of Pennsylvania, County of Luzerne, ss:

ON THIS 13th day of January, A. D. one thousand nine hundred and seventeen, personally appeared before me, Frank A. Storey an Alderman of the said County & State, a Court of Record within and for the County and State aforesaid, Mrs. Clara J. Carpenter, aged 55 years, who being duly sworn according to law, makes the following declaration in order to obtain the Pension provided by Acts of Congress granting pension to widows: That she is the widow of Elihu J. Carpenter, who enlisted under the name of Elihu J. Carpenter at New Lebanon N. Y., on the 7th day of April, A. D. 1862, in 9 Batt'ln. N. Y. S. S. to Aug. 5, 1863. Reenlisted in Regular Army May 12, 1866 (Company and Regiment of Service, if in the Army; or Vessel and Rank, if in the Navy.) in the war of [illegible] who Had no other service in the army or navy of the United States (State nature of wounds, and all circumstances attending them or the disease and manner in which it was incurred, in either case showing soldier's death to have been the sequence.)

Died from results of disabilities incurred in service and in line of duty on the 28th day of October, A. D. 1915 who bore at the time of his death the rank of Com Sgt., in 9th Batt. N. Y. S. S. ("In the service aforesaid," or otherwise.) that she was married under the name of Clara J. Rudall to said Elihu J. Carpenter, on the 8th day of January A. D. 1881, by Joseph B. Cook, at Fort Randall, S. Dakota there being no legal barrier to such marriage; that neither she nor her husband had been previously married (If either have been previously married, so state, and give date of death or divorce of former spouse.); that she has to present date remained his widow; that the following are the names and dates of birth of all his legitimate children yet surviving who were under sixteen years of age at father's death, viz:

none

that she has not abandoned the support of any one of her children, but that they are still under her care or maintenance (For such children as are not under her care claimant should account.)

that she has not in any manner engaged in, or aided or abetted, the rebellion in the United States; that Her prior application has been filed Feb-17, 1916 A.O. 1056150 (If prior application has been filed, either by soldier or widow, so state giving number assigned to it.); that she hereby appoints, with full power of substitution and revocation, James H. Spalding of Wash., D. C., her attorney, to prosecute the above claim; that her residence is No. 243 street N. Washington and her Post Office address is Forest Park Pa.

Charles W Dodson

Robt. A. Shields

(Two witnesses who can write, sign here.)

Clara J. Carpenter

(Signature of Claimant)

JAN 16 1917 U. S. PENSION OFFICE

ATTORNEY'S FILE

Also personally appeared Charles W Dodson residing at 207 North Washington and Robt. P. Shields residing at 255 N. Washington St., persons whom I certify to be respectable and entitled to credit, and who, being by me duly sworn, say that they were present and saw Clara J. Carpenter, the claimant, sign her name (make her mark) to the foregoing declaration; that they have every reason to believe, from the appearance of said claimant and their acquaintance with her, that she is the identical person she represents herself to be; and that they have no interest in the prosecution of this claim.

Charles W Dodson — Clara J. Carpenter

Robt. P. Shields.

(If affiants sign by mark, two persons who can write, sign here.) (Signature of Affiants.)

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 13th day of January, A. D. 1917, and I hereby certify that the contents of the above declaration, &c., were fully made known and explained to the applicant and witnesses, before swearing, including the words No 24 erased, and the words No 17. added; and that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the prosecution of this claim.

Frank A. Storey
(Official Signature)

Alderman & J of P.
(Official Character)

[L. S.]

☞ To be executed before a Court of Record or some officer thereof having custody of its seal, a Notary Public, or Justice of the Peace, whose official signature shall be verified by his official seal, and in case he has none, his signature and official character shall be certified by a Clerk of a Court of Record, or a City or County Clerk.

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WIDOW.

CLAIM FOR PENSION

Clara J. Carpenter, Applicant.

Widow of Wm. Co. Battery, N.Y. S.S. Regt.

1st Sergt. U.S.S.S. Corp. Vols.

Com. Sgt. U.S.A. Corp. Sgt. Batt. U.S.A. Sergt. Co. at Ft. Schuyler, N.Y. Harbor Service Army & Navy

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James H. Spalding

Wash., D. C.

PRESS OF BYRON S. ADAMS, WASHINGTON, D. C.

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Supplemental

To be made by applicant

GENERAL AFFIDAVIT.

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State of Pennsylvania, County of Luzerne, ss:

In the matter of Mrs. Clara J. Carpenter, wid. Elihu J. Carpenter, 9 Batt'ln. N.Y.S.S.

Personally came before me, an alderman and justice of the peace, in and for the aforesaid County and State, Clara J. Carpenter, aged 55 years,
(Notary, Justice, or Clerk of Court. Name of Witness.)

whose address is 243 N. Washington St., Wilkes-Barre State of Penna.,
(Post-Office Address. Give Street and No. if in city or town.)

well known to me to be reputable and entitled to credit, and who, being duly sworn, declares in relation to aforesaid case, as follows:

That deponent is the widow of Elihu J. Carpenter and has applied for a pension under the general law as widow and under Act of April 19, 1908 as amended; that deponent has given formal authority to James H. Spaulding as her attorney in the above case; that deponent is unable to furnish any better evidence as to soldier's death, marriage or any other marriages, than submitted in the within affidavit; and that deponent asks that her claim be allowed under the General Law as widow, as deponent's husband's death was in her opinion due to the disabilities which he incurred during his long period of service in the United States Army.

(NOTE.—Affiants should state how they gain a knowledge of the facts to which they testify.)

[illegible] declares that ha no interest in said case and is not concerned in its prosecution.

1 Thomas M. Hale

2 F. O. K. Brown

PENSION OFFICE U. S.

Clara J. Carpenter
Signature of Affiant.

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RETURN TO JAMES H. SPALDING, WASHINGTON, D. C.

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LAW DIVISION
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Sworn to and subscribed before me this day by the above-named affiant ; and I certify that I read said affidavit to said affiant , and acquainted h[illegible] with its contents before [illegible]she executed the same. I further certify that I am in nowise interested in said case, nor am I concerned in its prosecution, and that said affiant personally known to me; that [illegible]she [illegible]is a credible person and so reputed in the community in which [illegible]she reside .

Witness my hand and official seal this 16th day of January, 1917

Frank B. Brown
Hutchinson, Kans.

[Sign here.]

P. O. Address

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ALDERMAN AND JUSTICE OF THE PEACE.
COMMISSION EXPIRES FIRST MONDAY IN JAN'Y. 1918.

Validity accepted as to execution
Chief, Law Division.
Per [illegible]

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GENERAL AFFIDAVIT

No. 1056150

CASE OF

Elbert J. Coffman
9 N.C.S.S.

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JAMES H. SPALDING
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WASHINGTON, D. C.

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State of Pennsylvania, County of Luzerne, ss:

In the matter of Mrs. Clara J. Carpenter, wid. Elihu J. Carpenter, d Baldln. N.Y.C.C.

Personally came before me, an alderman and justice of the peace in and for the aforesaid County
Notary, Justice, or Clerk of Court.

and State, ELIZABETH MANN, aged 50 years,
Name of Witness.

whose address is 924 East 20th. St. Baltimore, State of Maryland
Post Office Address. Give Street and No. if in city or town.

well known to me to be reputable and entitled to credit, and who, being duly sworn, declares in relation to aforesaid case, as follows:

NOTE.—Affiants should state how they gain a knowledge of the facts to which they testify.

deponent is a first cousin of Mrs. Clara J. Carpenter, and no relation to Elihu J. Carpenter; that deponent has been well acquainted with Clara J. Carpenter for the past fifty years, and that she knew Elihu J. Carpenter for twenty three years before his death; that deponent knows that the said Elihu J. Carpenter and Clara J. Carpenter were man and wife and lived together for twenty three years up and including the date of his death October 28th. 1915; that the said CLARA J. CARPENTER has not remarried since the death of her husband; that deponent handerstands that the said Elihu J. Carpenter and Clara J. Carpenter were not previously married, and that they were acceptted by everybody as legally married; deponent knows the above facts from personal knowledge and frequent visits to their home

further declares that she has no interest in said case and is not concerned in its prosecution.

1 W. J. Bunbury
2 Geo. C. Brown

Elizabeth Mann
Signature of Affiant.

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[OVER.]

FOR EXCLUSIVE USE OF CLIENTS OF JAMES H. SPALDING

RETURN TO JAMES H. SPALDING, WASHINGTON, D. C.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this day by the above-named affiant ; and I certify that I read said affidavit to said affiant , and acquainted her with its contents before she executed the same. I further certify that I am in nowise interested in said case, nor am I concerned in its prosecution, and that said affiant is personally known to me; that she is credible person and so reputed in the community in which she reside s

Witness my hand and official seal this 16th day of January , 191 6

[Sign here.] Frank B. Brown

P. O. Address Hulton Penn, Pa

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No. 1056550

GENERAL AFFIDAVIT

CASE OF

Elizabeth J. Carpenter
of U.S.S.

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GENERAL AFFIDAVIT.

State of Pennsylvania, County of Luzerne, ss:

In the matter of Mrs. Clara J. Carpenter, wid. Elihu J. Carpenter, 9 Battln. N.Y.S.S.

Personally came before me, an alderman and Justice of the peace, in and for the aforesaid County
Notary, Justice, or Clerk of Court

and State, Helen Mann, aged 71 years,
Name of Witness.

whose address is 445 S. River St., Wilkes-Barre, State of Penna.,
Post-Office Address. Give Street and No. if in city or town.

well known to me to be reputable and entitled to credit, and who, being duly sworn, declares in relation to aforesaid case, as follows:

Deponent is not related to Mrs. Clara J. Carpenter, or Elihu J. Carpenter, deceased; deponent has been well acquainted with Clara J. Carpenter and with the late Elihu J. Carpenter for the past twenty-three years before his death; that deponent knows that the said Elihu J. Carpenter and Clara J. Carpenter were man and wife and lived together for twenty-three years up to and including his death October 28, 1915; that the said Clara J. Carpenter has not remarried since the death of her husband; that deponent understands that the said Elihu J. Carpenter and Clara J. Carpenter were not previously married and that they were accepted by everybody as legally married; deponent knows the above facts from personal knowledge and from frequent visits to the homeof the said Clara J. Carpenter and Elihu J. Carpenter.

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further declares that she has no interest in said case and is not concerned in its prosecution.

1 [illegible]
2 [illegible]

Helen Mann
Signature of Affiant.

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[OVER.]

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Witness my hand and official seal this 16th day of January, 1917

[Sign here.] Frank B. Brown

P. O. Address Falls Church, Va

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No. 1056550

GENERAL AFFIDAVIT

CASE OF

Edwin J. Coffman
9 N. 7 S. S.

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JAMES H. SPALDING
622-24 F Street Northwest
WASHINGTON, D. C.

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This form of Fee Agreement is prescribed by the Commissioner of Pensions and approved by the Secretary of the Interior July 8, 1884, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved July 4, 1884.

TO BE EXECUTED IN DUPLICATE WITHOUT ADDITIONAL COST TO THE CLAIMANT

ARTICLES OF AGREEMENT

Whereas, I, Mrs. Clara J. Carpenter, wid. Elihu J. Carpenter

late a ..... in Company ..... of the 9th Regiment of Battln. N.Y.S.V.

..... Volunteers, in the war of 18..., having made application for pension under the laws of the United States. Widow's general law

Now, This Agreement Witnesseth, that for and in consideration of services done and to be done in the premises, I hereby agree to allow my attorney ,

JAMES H. SPALDING of Washington, D. C.

the fee of ~~Twenty~~ Twenty DOLLARS, which shall include all amounts to be paid for any service in furtherance of said claim and said fee shall not be demanded by or payable to my said Attorney in whole or in part, except in case of the granting of my pension by the Commissioner of Pensions and that the same shall be paid to him in accordance with the provisions of Sections 4768 and 4769, R. S.

1 Geo K Brown — 1 Clara J. Carpenter
Signature of Claimant.

2 Thomas McHale — 243 N. Washington St
Signatures of Two Witnesses who can write, in every case. — Post-office address, giving street and number if in a city

State of Penna, County of Tioga, ss:

Be It Known, That on this, the 16th day of January, A. D. 1917 personally appeared Mrs. Clara J. Carpenter, the above named, who after having read over to her in the hearing and presence of the two attesting witnesses the contents of the foregoing Articles of Agreement, voluntarily signed and acknowledged the same to be her free act and deed.

[L. s.]

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Frank B. Brown
Official Signature.

ALDERMAN AND JUSTICE OF THE PEACE
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Official Title.

ATTORNEY'S ACCEPTANCE.

The Claimant Should not fill any part of the following under any circumstances.

And now, to-wit, on this 17 day of January, A.D. 1917, I accept the provisions contained in the foregoing Articles of Agreement and will, to the best of my ability, endeavor faithfully to represent the interest of the claimant in the premises. I hereby certify that I have received from the claimant above named, the sum of nc dollars, and no more; nothing being for fee and the sum of nc dollars being for postage and other expenses and that these agreements have been executed in duplicate without additional cost to the claimant, as required by law, in excess of the fee above named, which I have made no charge therefor.

Witness my hand the day and year above written. James H Spalding

Signature of Attorney .

State of D. C., County of ....., ss:

Personally came James H Spalding whom I know to be the person he represents himself to be, and who, having signed the above acceptance of agreement, acknowledged the same to be his free act and deed.

Witness my hand and seal of office this 17 day of January, 1917

[L. s.]

David W. Gale
Official Signature.

COMMISSIONER'S APPROVAL. N. D.

Approved for ..... DOLLARS, and payable to JAMES H. SPALDING of WASHINGTON, D. C.

the recognized Attorney .

Commissioner of Pensions.

NOTICE TO CLAIMANT.

THIS CONTRACT IS PERMISSIBLE UNDER THE LAW, BUT NOT COMPULSORY.

READ THE FOLLOWING COPY OF THE STATUTE.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, * * *

SEC. 3. That section 4785 of the Revised Statutes is hereby re-enacted and amended so as to read as follows:

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And if in the adjudication of any claim for pension in which such articles of agreement have been or may hereafter be filed, it shall appear that the claimant had, prior to the execution thereof, paid to the attorney any sum for his services in such claim, and the amount so paid is not stipulated therein, then every such claim shall be adjudicated in the same manner as though no articles of agreement had been filed, deducting from the fee of $10 allowed by law such sum as claimant shall show that he has paid to his said attorney.

Any agent or attorney or other person instrumental in prosecuting any claim for pension or bounty land, who shall directly or indirectly contract for, demand, or receive, or retain any greater compensation for his services or instrumentality in prosecuting a claim for pension or bounty land than is herein provided, or for payment thereof at any other time or in any other manner than is herein provided, or who shall wrongfully withhold from a pensioner or claimant the whole or any part of the pension or claim allowed and due such pensioner or claimant, or the land-warrant issued to any such claimant, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall for every such offense be fined not exceeding $500 or imprisonment at hard labor not exceeding two years, or both, in the discretion of the court.

APPROVED JULY 4, 1884.

BOTH FORMS SHOULD BE EXECUTED AND RETURNED.

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BOARD OF PENSION REVIEW FEB 23 1917 RECEIVED

Army and Navy Division FEB 24 1917 RECEIVED

FEE AGREEMENT

Please execute and return BOTH copies

No. 1066150

CLAIM OF

Reuben J. Carpenter
Pvt. Co. F. 5 Reg. U.S.S.

FOR PENSION

FILED BY

JAMES H. SPALDING
CLAIMANT'S SOLICITOR

Washington, D. C.

CIVIL DIVISION FEB 21 1917

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This form of Fee Agreement is prescribed by the Commissioner of Pensions and approved by the Secretary of the Interior July 8, 1884, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved July 4, 1884.

TO BE EXECUTED IN DUPLICATE WITHOUT ADDITIONAL COST TO THE CLAIMANT

ARTICLES OF AGREEMENT

Whereas, I, Mrs. Clara J. Carpenter, wid. Elihu J. Carpenter

late a ..... in Company ..... of the 9th Regiment of Battln. N.Y.S.V. Volunteers, in the war of 18..... , having made application for pension under the laws of the United States, Widow's general law

Now, This Agreement Witnesseth, that for and in consideration of services done and to be done in the premises, I hereby agree to allow my attorney ,

JAMES H. SPALDING of Washington, D. C.

the fee of ~~Twenty~~ Twenty DOLLARS, which shall include all amounts to be paid for any service in furtherance of said claim and said fee shall not be demanded by or payable to my said Attorney in whole or in part, except in case of the granting of my pension by the Commissioner of Pensions and that the same shall be paid to him in accordance with the provisions of Sections 4768 and 4769, R. S.

1 Geo K Brown — Clara J Carpenter
Signature of Claimant.

2 Thomas McHale — 243 N. Washington St
Signatures of Two Witnesses who can write, in every case. Post-office address, giving street and number if in a city

State of Penna , County of Luzerne , ss:

Be It Known, That on this, the 16th day of June . A. D. 191 7 personally appeared Mrs. Clara J. Carpenter , the above named, who after having read over to her in the hearing and presence of the two attesting witnesses the contents of the foregoing Articles of Agreement, voluntarily signed and acknowledged the same to be her free act and deed

PENNA. H JAN 23 U. S. 1917

Frank B Brown
ALDERMAN AND JUSTICE OF THE PEACE
COMMISSION EXPIRES FIRST MONDAY IN JAN'Y. 1918

[L. s.] Official Title.

ATTORNEY'S ACCEPTANCE.

The Claimant Should not fill any part of the following under any circumstances.

And now, to-wit, on this 22nd day of June , A.D. 191 7, accept the provisions contained in the foregoing Articles of Agreement and will, to the best of my ability, endeavor faithfully to represent the interest of the claimant in the premises. I hereby certify that I have received from the claimant above named, the sum of no dollars, and no more; nothing being for fee and the sum of no dollars being for postage and other expenses and that these agreements have been executed in duplicate without additional cost to the claimant, as required by law, in excess of the fee above named, I having made no charge therefor.

Witness my hand the day and year above written. James H Spalding
Signature of Attorney .

~~State of~~ Washington D C , ~~County of~~ , ss:

Personally came James H Spalding whom I know to be the person he represents himself to be, and who, having signed the above acceptance of agreement, acknowledged the same to be his free act and deed.

Witness my hand and seal of office this 22nd day of June , 191 7

[L. s.] David W. Greer
Official Signature.

COMMISSIONER'S APPROVAL.

Approved for ..... DOLLARS, and payable to JAMES H. SPALDING of WASHINGTON, D. C. the recognized Attorney .

Commissioner of Pensions.

Clarity acceptable for execution
Chief, Law Division
per

NOTICE TO CLAIMANT.

THIS CONTRACT IS PERMISSIBLE UNDER THE LAW, BUT NOT COMPULSORY.

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APPROVED JULY 4, 1884.

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FEE AGREEMENT

No. 10,256,510

CLAIM OF

Widow of Edward Spaulding

Co. H, 2nd Regt. Mass. Inf.

FILED BY

JAMES H. SPALDING

CLAIMANT'S SOLICITOR

Washington, D. C.

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BOARD OF REVIEW.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

BUREAU OF PENSIONS.

Washington, D. C. Jan. 27. 1917.

No. Claim, 1056.150

Cert. No.

Claimant, widow of

Soldier, Elihu J. Carpenter

Co. 1st Battn. N.Y.S.S. ~~Inf.~~ C. 2 U.S. Cav.

Respectfully, referred to the Chief, Special Examination Division, for investigation as per Reviewer's slip of this date herewith.

Chief, Board of Review.

J. A. Scott, Rev.

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BOARD OF REVIEW.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

BUREAU OF PENSIONS.

Washington, D. C. Jan. 27, 1917

Wid.
No. Claim, 1056156

Cert. No.

Claimant, Widow of

Soldier, Elihu J. Carpenter

Co. G & K 1st Batt. Regt. N. Y. S. S.

Respectfully, Rtd to Mr Albright.

Mr. Scott – Review –

I suggest reference to the S. E. Division to determine the identity of soldier who as the husband of the claimant, recently deceased after serving from May 12, 1866 in the Regular Army and as a Retired Officer after Nov 1, 1894. There is no reference whatever made to a prior service in his enlistment paper of May 12 1866 – no personal description of the soldier in the civil war service except age – the mil-

Chief Board of Review

BOARD OF REVIEW.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

BUREAU OF PENSIONS.

Washington, D. C., ..., *191*

No. Claim, ...

Cert. No. .....

Claimant, ...

Soldier, ...

Co. ....., ... *Reg't.* .....

Rejected. Age of 18 years - and the claimant is wholly unable to furnish the testimony of persons who knew him during the Civil War period. This last affidavit does not comply with the change of name by erasure - from "Elisha" to "Elisa" - in the State certificate of discharge dated June 21, 1872, is indicative at least of a lack of identity - the one with the other. A close inspection of the two tracings of signatures from the Auditor for the War Department shows them so utterly

BOARD OF REVIEW.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

BUREAU OF PENSIONS.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 27, 1917

Wid
No. Claim, 105150

Cert. No.

Claimant, Widow of

Soldier, Elihu J. Carpenter

Co. 9th Reg't. US

Submitted for similar treatment as to strengthen the lack of evidence of identity -

A list of Comrades as of the Sharp Shooters should be obtained for the use of the Special Examiner.

It should be also determined whether or not the last army military or Naval Service after August 5 1863 and prior to May 12-1866 - during that interval -

W. D. Vetter
Chief, Board of Review

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Wid.Orig.1056,150,
Elihu J.Carpenter,
9th Co.1st Battln.N.Y.S.S.and
Regular Army.

Board of Review,
January 29,1917.

Mr. Scott, Reviewer,
Mr. Pettus,Re-reviewer.

The question about which there seems to be doubt is the identity of the claimant's husband with the soldier, who rendered the Civil War service of record. Her husband was retired November 1, 1894, after having served 28 years, 5 months and 20 days continuously in the Regular Army. As thirty years active military service is a prerequisite to retirement, it follows that he must have had service in addition to that in the Regular Army, and, as soldiers are entitled to "double time" for service in time of war, that he alleged a Civil War service in his application for retirement, therefore, before considering special examination the War Department

should be requested to loan or furnish a copy of such application.

It will be noted that in his application for 20 per cent extra pay, executed April 10, 1902, he interlined the following: "service in war counting double time," and a memoranda pasted to this application in addition to his service in the Regular Army under the name of Elihu J. Carpenter, shows the name Elisha J. Carpenter, private 9th Company, 1st Battln. New York S.S. In view of this endorsement showing the name "Elisha" and the fact that this Christian name appeared in the certificate of service issued in 1872, it might be well to request the War Department to verify the Christian name of the soldier as of the Civil War service.

A. A. Aspinwall

Chief Board of Review.

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BOARD OF REVIEW.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

BUREAU OF PENSIONS.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 29, 1917.

No. Claim, 1056150

Cert. No.

Claimant, Widow of

Soldier, Elihu J. Carpenter

Co. G & Co. I Battn Reg't. N.Y. S.S. & 6, 2 U.S.cav.

Respectfully, returned to the Chief, Army and Navy Div., for compliance with the requirements of the personal slip of the Chief of this Board of this date with regard to securing additional information from the War Depat.

Chief, Board of Review.

J. A. Scott, Rev.

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REJECTED 3—852

Ex'r. DEPENDENT.

9 Co C/2 Com Sgt Retd.
1.55 Com Sgt USA
WO No. 1056.150

Act of April 19, 1908
Act of amended by Act. Sept. 8, 1916

Notified

1917 Issued Cert-
dis- of claim
Jan. 4. 1917 Hy

Clara J Carpenter
243 N Washington St
Wilkes Barre Pa
Widow
Elias J Carpenter

Service 9 Co 1 Batln N Y S S
& 2 U S Cav - Com Sgt U S A
Com Sgt Retired U S A

Died Oct 28 1915.

No other claim. Chas

W. O 1056.150

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Clerk.

Application filed: Jany 4. 1917

Attorney: James H. Spalding

P. O. 622 - 24 - F St N W
Washington D C

Cert. of Dis. Searched for , 19

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Pension Bureau Division
MAR 26 1917
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W. O. 1,056,150
Clara. J., wid.of
Elihu J. Carpenter,
Com. Sgt. Retired,
U. S. A.

243 N. Washington St.,
WILKES BARRE, PENNA.
September 15, 1916.

Department of the Interior,
Bureau of Pensions,
WASHINGTON, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Replying to yours of September 11th. 1916. The Papers I have filed with you are the only ones I have covering the period between August 5, 1863 and May 12, 1866.

You will note that the paper bearing the earliest date is not the original discharge. The original having been destroyed by fire, when the Soldiers home was burned, and the family lost all of its effects.

I can only suggest that for a full and complete record of his service for the period cited above, you refer to the Files of the War Department.

Very respectfully,

Clara J. Carpenter

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Ex'r. DEPENDENT.

W.O. No. 1,056,150
9/Co. 1 Bn. 6/2 Com/Sgt. U.S. Retired
Act of Aug 3 1912

Notified Feb 24, 1916
Mar 1916. Claim for
Marriage. Col. Asst Dir.
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Clara J. Carpenter
243 No Washington St.
Wilkes Barre, Pa.
Widow
Elihu J. Carpenter

Service 9 Co 1 Battn. N. G. P. S.
1 Sgt. C. 2 U. S. Cav. Com Sgt. U. S. A.
Com Sgt. Retired U. S. A.

Died Oct. 28. 1915. Wilkes Barre. Pa.

No other claim. Claim
W. O. 1056150 R. C.

Feb 23, 1916 Clerk.

Application filed: Feb 17. 1916

Attorney: Clmt

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Cert. of Dis. Searched for , 19

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may 8 1916. Letter on
claimant for any
prior marriage of
soldier.

Gen Div.

Adm STATUS TO DATE John K Casey

AS PER COPY JUN 16 1916 HEC

Com Div.
July 5/16 Clmt. for dec. of soldiers
serv., if any, between Aug. 5/63 & May
12/66 and Asst for the Dept for
tracing of signature &c.

Adm STATUS TO DATE John K Casey

AS PER COPY JUL 8 1916
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Aug. 15, 1916 — Clmt. to file all papers
showing service bet. Aug. 5/63 &
May 12/66.

Sept. 7/16 Auditor for loan of papers.
Clerk. repeat all of Aug. 15. Papers filed now O.K. JOM
AAM.

Army and Navy Division
FEB 25 1916

MAR 1 1917 A. G. S. for loan of
papers, filed when application
made for retirement. Also
to verify Christian name of soldier

File with 5864 RAB 94

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE
MAR 8 1917
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WAR DEPARTMENT.

ARMY AND NAVY DIV.
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
BUREAU OF PENSIONS.

Washington, D. C., MAR 1 1917

Respectfully returned to the Adjutant General, War Department, requesting that he loan this bureau the soldier's application for retirement or furnish a photostatic copy thereof.

It is also requested that the Christian name of the soldier be verified, whether it appears on the rolls of the 9th Co. 1st Battln. N.Y.S.S. as Elisha J. or Elihu J.

W.O. 1056150
Elihu J. Carpenter
1st Battln, N.Y.S.S.

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VOLUNTEER SERVICE.
(Civil War or War with Spain.)

WAR DEPARTMENT,

THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE.

Returned to

Commissioner of Pensions.

Elihu J. Carpenter
Co. 9 Co., ~~Regt~~ 1 Battn. N.Y. S.S.
age 18, height ..... feet ..... inches,
complexion ..... 5' 8"
eyes ..... hair .....
place of birth .....
occupation .....
was enrolled October 7, 1862
and M. O. August 5, 1863
with Co.

From Nov. 1, 18..., to Nov. 6, 18...
he held the rank of Private

and the rolls on file for that period do not show him absent ~~except as follows~~: .....
The medical records show: — Carpenter
9th Co. 1 Battn N.Y. S.S.
treated June 18, 63, sick
fever. June 11, 63, convd.

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BOARD OF REVIEW.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

BUREAU OF PENSIONS.

Washington, D. C. March 13 1917.

Mid. Orig.

No. Claim, 1056150.

Cert. No.

Claimant, Clara J. Carpenter

Soldier, Elisha J. Carpenter

Co. 9 Batty. N.Y. Vol. Lt. Art. S. S.

Respectfully, referred to the Chief of S. E. Division, for special examination as specifically indicated by attached slip of reviewer, dated Jan. 27, 1917.

Chas. L. Wise.
Reviewer.

Chief, Board of Review.

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Wid.Orig.1056,150,
Elihu J.Carpenter,
9th Co.1st Battln.N.Y.S.S.
Regular Army.

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Board of Review,
March 15,1917.

Mr. Wise, Reviewer,
Mr. Pettus, Re-reviewer.

If the soldier in his application for retirement alleged the service in the New York Sharpshooters and this service was accepted by the War Department in placing him on the retired list, there would seem to be little or no reason to question his identity with the claimant's husband. The purpose in requesting the loan of such application was to ascertain what allegations were made therein as to service, therefore, the War Department should be requested to loan or furnish a copy of so much of his application as relates to his allegations as to service and in making the call the War Department should be informed

why or the purpose for which the Bureau desires this information. Request should also be made for a statement showing the designation of the service or services that were considered in addition to the service in the Regular Army from May 12, 1866, to November 1, 1894, a period of 28 years, 5 months and 20 days, when the soldier was placed on the retired list.

The call for this information may be made through the Board.

J. A. Ferguson

Chief Board of Review.

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6—3364 Board of Review.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
BUREAU OF PENSIONS.

Washington, D. C., March 16, 1917.

Respectfully returned to:

The Adjutant General, U.S.A.,
War Department.

Requesting that he loan to this Bureau or furnish a copy of so much of the soldier's application for retirement as relates to his allegations as to service; and also please to state the designation of the services that were considered, in addition to the service in the Regular Army, from May 12, 1866, to November 1, 1894, a period of 28 years, 5 months and 20 days, when he was placed on the retired list.

The purpose of this request is to ascertain what allegations were made as to service, there being some doubt as to the identity of solaier with the husband of the widow claimant.

Wid.Orig.1056,150,
Widow of
Elihu J.Carpenter,
9 Co. 1st Battln.N.Y.S.S.
Co. C, 2nd U.S.Cav.
Com.Sgt.U.S.A.Retired.

(3 Inclosures.)

Commissioner.

WAR DEPARTMENT,

THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,

2544816 WASHINGTON. March 21, 1917.

Respectfully returned to

The Commissioner of Pensions,

inclosing the application for retirement of Elihu J. Carpenter, late commissary sergeant, U. S. Army, Retired.

In addition to his service in the Regular Army, this soldier received credit for service in 9th Company, 1st Battalion, New York Sharpshooters.

It is requested that this paper be returned to this office as soon as practicable.

H. P. Hall

The Adjutant General.

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MISC. SEC. BU. OF PENS. MAR 23 1917 CHIEF'S DESK

Form No.74—A.G.O.
Ed. Jan. 15-17—25,000.

BUREAU OF PENSIONS

March 24, 1917

Wid. Orig. No. 1,056,150.

Soldier, Elihu J. Carpenter.

9 Co. 1 Btn. ~~Reg't~~ N.J. S.S.

When Certificate is issued, return papers to Law Division for action on return of papers — See pink slip. Then return case to A & N. Div., for action on duplicate widow's Genl. Law claim, now in jacket.

C.B.M.
Rev.

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BOARD OF REVIEW

Mid. Brig. No. 1,056,150

Name Ciara E. Carbenter

When certificate ~~or letters of rejection~~ shall have been mailed, send case to desk of the Chief of Division for return of personal papers. See order below.

A. A. ASPINWALL,
Chief, Board of Review.

CHIEFS OF DIVISIONS:

It is a matter of frequent complaint on the part of claimants and others that personal papers filed in claims for pension, either directly with the office or through special examiners, are not returned to them after final action has been taken, as requested.

Photographs, personal letters, family bibles, and other matter which have served their purpose as evidence, are almost without exception retained in the cases after they have gone to the adjudicating bureau and this notwithstanding the fact that a request for the return of this material accompanied the case.

Special examiners find it particularly embarrassing in the conduct of their work, because they frequently have to give their personal guarantee that a certain paper, believed by them to be of importance in the case, will be returned to the individual when it has served its purpose as evidence.

In order that such matter may be promptly returned to the claimant it is hereby directed that in all such cases the board of review shall attach a slip to the face of the brief, directing that after the certificate or letter of rejection shall have been mailed, the case shall be sent to the desk of the Chief of Division, who will, when necessary, cause a copy of the evidence or paper to be made, compared, and placed in its proper envelope in lieu of the original.

G. B. R. Pvt.
3/24/17.

J. M. Saltzgaber
Commissioner.

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Cert. Division

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
BUREAU OF PENSIONS

Washington, D. C. Mch. 26, 1917.

No. Claim, 1056150

Cert. No.

Claimant, Wid.

Soldier, Elihu J. Carpenter

Co. 9, 1st Bat Reg't N.Y. S.S.

Respectfully referred to the Chief, Law div.

Does the affidavit of claimant filed Jan. 17. 1917, contain sufficient authority on which to recognize James H. Spalding as attorney, with fee, in the widow's claim Act of April 19. 1908?

H. C. Duncan
Chief of Cert. Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

BUREAU OF PENSIONS.

No. N.O. 1056150

Soldier, Elihu J. Carpenter

Service 9th Co., 1st Batt. N.Y.S.S.

March 27. 1917.

To Chief Certificate Division.

Please instruct the Pension Agent to withhold, for the present, the sum of $ 10.00 for Attorney's fees, and, as soon as the certificate issues, send all the papers to the Law Division for consideration relative to attorneyship.

~~S. A. CUDDY~~,

Chief, Law Division.

Spangler.

Wid.Orig.No.1056150,
Clara J., widow of
Elihu J. Carpenter,
Co.C, 2d U.S. Cav.

Law Division,
March 27, 1917.

Respectfully returned to the Chief of the Certificate Division, advising him that no attorney should be recognized in connection with the claim under the act of April 19, 1908, approved for allowance, but a fee of $10 should be withheld when the certificate shall issue.

After issue the papers should be again forwarded to this Division for further consideration as to the matter of attorneyship in the case.

M. White

Chief of Law Division.

CHIEF'S DESK
CERTIFICATE DIVISION
MAR 27 1917
U. S. BUREAU OF PENSIONS

Law Division

W.C. No. 822,977.
Clara J. Carpenter,
Philip J. Carpenter,
9 Co. 1st Battn. N.Y.S.S.

April 16, 1917.

The Adjutant General,
War Department,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Herewith is returned the application for retirement of the above named soldier, belonging to the files of your office, loaned for consideration in the above cited claim.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

WAF-WAF

Law Division

W.C. No. 622,927.
Clara J. Carpenter,
Elihu J. Carpenter.
9 Co. 1st Battn. N.Y.S.S.

April 16, 1917.

Auditor for the War Department,
Treasury Department,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Herewith are returned the application of the above named soldier for extra pay and the application of the widow of the above named soldier for bounty and arrears of pay, loaned this Bureau for consideration in the above cited claim.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

WHL.LP

W.C. No. 822,927,
Clara J. Carpenter,
Elihu J. Carpenter,
9 Co. 1st Battln. N.Y.S.C.

April 16, 1917.

Mrs. Clara J. Carpenter,
243 North Washington Street,
Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

Madam:

As requested, herewith is returned the certificate of discharge of Elihu J. Carpenter from Co. C, 2nd U.S.Cavalry, and the State certificate of Elihu J. Carpenter, showing his service in the above named organization.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

WAR-MAP

A & N Div. HSC-HS

I.C. 822,927,
Clara J.Carpenter,
widow of
Elihu Carpenter,
9th Co. 1 Battln.,
N.Y. S.S.

June 8, 1917.

Mrs. Clara J.Carpenter,
243 N. Washington Street,
Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania.

Madam:

Your application for pension under the Act of April 19,1908, as amended by the Act of September 8, 1916, filed January 4, 1917, is dismissed, the benefit invoked having been fully granted by the certificate issued March 29, 1917, granting you a pension at the rate of $12 per month commencing February 17, 1916.

Very respectfully,

E. C. Tiernan

Acting Commissioner.

Respected Sir in Re: [illegible]
Clara J. Carpenter J. [illegible]

to your request [illegible]
like to say: my intentions were
to be married Dec. 5. [illegible]
on card, but I could not [illegible]
Working. any longer. I made my
home right a Way, would have
notified you With returned of
Pension, but letter Carrier thought
he knew so much, he would not
let me send it back, I dont
know what he wrote you. With no
intention to defraud,
Very respectfully
Mrs Clara J Melchner

Clara J Carpenter

822927

May Wid

REMARRIED Sept. 10, 1927

to - Kelchner

298 Barney St.

Wilkes Barre, Pa.

Pd 30 to 9/4/27

10/4/27 cancelled

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UNITED STATES
Department of the Interior
BUREAU OF PENSIONS
OFFICE OF THE DISBURSING CLERK
WASHINGTON, D. C.

RETURN IF NOT DELIVERED IN 10 DAYS
OFFICIAL BUSINESS

822927

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TO THE POSTMASTER

The Act of August 17, 1912, prohibits the delivery of this letter to any person if the addressee has died or removed, or being a widow, is believed to have remarried; and postal regulations prohibit its delivery if the pensioner has reenlisted in the military or naval service of the United States, and require its return forthwith in any such case with a statement of the reasons for so doing, and if on account of death, remarriage or reenlistment, the date thereof if known.

PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE TO AVOID PAYMENT OF POSTAGE, $300

Remarried Sept 10 1927

Clara J. Carpenter
298 Barney St
Wilkes-Barre Pa

Now Mrs Miles Kelchner
298 Barney

3-2072

Finance Division.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
BUREAU OF PENSIONS
WASHINGTON

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October 17, 1927

Mrs. Clara J. Kelchner
298 Barney Street
Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

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Cert. No. 822927

Elmer J.
Endorse of
Elmer J. Carpenter

Rank Pvt.

~~Company~~ 9th Co.

~~Regiment~~ 1st Battln N. Y.
S. S.

Rate per Month $12

Commencing Feb. 17th 1916

Ending

Agency or Group No. Group 2

Issued Mar. 29th 1917, ~~191~~

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APR 1 1917 Chief Finance Off to pay muster fee in case of Mar 29, 1917 to J. B. Spalding & to so advise

1st Ltr

April 16/17. Application for retirement returned to Adj. War Dept. County application returned to Auditor War Dept. and Certs. of discharge (2) returned to petitioner.

Wm. D. Ladd

DROPPED
Oct 17 1927
Removed

Blanks for evidence of remarriage to grand widow. D. Fin.

Oct 20, 1927 Evidence rec'd and forwarded to Section Gr. D. Fin.

W.C. 822,927 Clara J. Carpenter Act May 1, 1920 Sec. W.

3-2073

State of Pennsylvania

County of Luzerne

FINANCE DIVISION
OCT 22 1927
FINANCE DIVISION
OCT 21 1927

I, William E.Smith, Asst Clerk, or Judge, of the Orphans' Court, in and for the County and State aforesaid do hereby certify that Miles A.Kelchner and Clara J.Carpenter were married by Rev.William Herbert Hunt on the third day of September, 1927.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto affixed my hand and the seal of said Court at Wilkes-Barre, Pa., this 19th day of October, 1927.

(seal)

Wm. E. Smith

Asst.Clerk of the Orphans' Court and Marriage License Clerk.

CLARA J CARPENTER
298 BARNEY ST
822927 ACT APR
WILKES-BARRE PA

3-1081

DROP REPORT—PENSIONER

..... Cert. No. .....

Pensioner .....

Soldier .....

Service .....

Class ACT MAY 1, 1920 WIDOW SEC. W

RECORD DIVISION

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In the above-described case a declaration filed in this Division indicates that said pensioner died

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Chief, Record Division.

FINANCE DIVISION

OCT 22 1927

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The name of the above-described pensioner who was last paid at the rate of $ 30 per month to date of remarriage has this day been dropped from the roll because REMARRIED Sept. 3, 1927 more "Relchner".

Chief, Finance Division.